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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0629

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LA, FR
SUBJECT: LAO RELEASE FRENCH TEACHER

REF: VIENTIANE 0590

1. MR. SALUZZO, FRENCH TEACHER ARRESTED IN VIENTIANE MARCH 1 (SEE REFTEL) WAS RELEASED BY LAO POLICE MARCH 9, AFTER FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD SEEN FOREIGN MINISTER. ALTHOUGH LAO POLICE HAD CLAIMED THEY ARRESTED SALUZZO FOR "SPYING," THERE WERE NO FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM WHEN HE WAS RELEASED. SALUZZO WAS NOT ORDERED TO LEAVE LAOS. HOWEVER, FRENCH EMBASSY HAS NOW ASKED MFA IF SALUZZO MAY RESUME TEACHING AT DONG DOK SCHOOL IN VIENTIANE. IF ANSWER IS NEGATIVE HE WILL, OF COURSE, BE SENT HOME BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT, WHICH PAYS HIS SALARY HERE.

2. FRENCH CONSUL BONDY WAS PLEASED AT RELATIVE SPEED OF RESOLUTION OF THIS CASE (FOR LAOS). HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT LAO GIRL STUDENT ARRESTED WITH SALUZZO WAS STILL IMPRISONED. BONDY STATED GIRL'S FAMILY WERE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO POLICE AND HE EXPECTED SHE WOULD BE RELEASED SOON.

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3. COMMENT: AS SALUZZO WAS IN LAOS IN QUASI-OFFICIAL

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STATUS, FRENCH HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE HIGH-LEVEL
REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THIS CASE. OTHER FRENCHMAN
MENTIONED REFTEL, A MR. CASENAZ, WHO IS REPORTEDLY
FRENCH BY NATIONALITY BUT HALF CAMBODIAN, IS STILL
IN PRISON AT SAMKHE IN VIENTIANE.
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